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FROM: Chief Health and Medical Officer

SUBJECT: 2005 NASA Occupational Health Conference

The Office of the Chief Health and Medical Officer is holding its annual 2005 NASA occupational Health Conference at Harvey's Resort and Casino in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada, June 27-July 1. As we move forward with a renewed exploration mission, the Office of the Chief Health and Medical Officer is working toward the implementation of its 2014 Vision: "A Healthier Workforce." In support of the President's Challenge for the Healthier US and HealthierFeds initiatives, our theme this year is "Toward a Healthier NASA: Successes and Innovations."

This Conference is the annual forum for the occupational health disciplines at NASA Centers and facilities to exchange scientific and technical data and management experiences. The Conference will open with an address by Howard Putnam, former CEO of the highly successful Southwest Airlines. Mr. Putnam has experienced turbulence many times in his distinguished business career and not only survived but thrived by taking advantage of the opportunities for change and transformation. We are most fortunate to have Nikolay M. Budarin, Russian Cosmonaut and Flight Director, Russian Space Corporation Energia (RSC-E), as our Keynote Luncheon Speaker. Mr. Budarin was the ISS-6 Flight Engineer which was his last time in space. He flew with Commander Ken Bowersox and NASA Station Science Officer, Don Pettit. They completed a lot of medical experiments and several sessions in the Human Research Facility which is designed to support human life science investigations. Prior to this flight, Mr. Budarin performed eight egresses into space totaling 44 hours while on the MIR Station.

A Poster Session is scheduled for Tuesday evening, June 28. This will provide NASA Centers an opportunity to share their program Successes and Innovations. A number of Breakout sessions are scheduled throughout the week to allow for focused discipline-related discussions.

There are four (4) Professional Development Courses (PDCs) being offered on Monday, June 27:

1. Trends in Emergency Medicine: This course will offer NASA medical personnel information about field responses to trauma and emergency where timely and initial stabilization measures are crucial for positive outcome.

2. Introduction to Control Banding: This course will focus on the novel and complementary approach to protecting worker health that focuses resources on exposure controls. The instructor will be David Zalk from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories.
3. Reproductive Health Hazards--Risk Assessment/Surveillance: This course will look at the growing movement in society, state laws, federal rules, and the courts to view an embryo and fetus as an "unborn child" that has rights, including rights that extend to protection from workplace hazards. The instructor will be Daniel Markiewicz of Markiewicz and Associates, Ltd.
4. Quality Assurance for Employee Assistance Programs: The focus of this course is on assuring the quality and consistency of care in the Employee Assistance Program. The instructor will be Brenda Blair of Blair and Associates

I encourage your attendance at this years annual Conference. Please check the NASA Occupational Health Website at http://ohp.nasa.gov/conference_info/index.html for all of the Conference information and online registration. Once you have registered for the Conference and other activities and you find you must cancel or modify your registration, please do so on the website. In addition to the website registration process, you must also call the hotel directly to reserve your room (1-800-455-4770) and specify the Group Code of S06DYNA to receive the special Conference government room rate.



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